

# PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of  
**Saltzman et al.**

Examiner: **N. ARCHIE**

Art Unit: **1645**

Application No.: **10/596,815**

Filed: **June 26, 2006**

Title: **USE OF CATHEPSIN Z INHIBITORS  
FOR THE TREATMENT OF  
RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS AND  
OTHER AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES**

### **RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Communication dated November 26, 2007, Applicants amend the above-identified application as stated below. A request for a 2-month extension of time and the required fees accompany this response, extending the period of reply to April 26, 2008.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees associated with this reply or credit any overpayment necessitated by this response to Deposit Account No. 18-1982.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.